Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Friday is National P&C Day. Being a volunteer and a P&C representative in a school can be a rewarding experience. Not just for the person volunteering but also for the students and staff of a school. If you have ever considered joining the P&C it is not too late. On behalf of the school I would like to publically thank our P&C representatives who are working hard to develop fund raising activities and support our students in every way they can.

As we near the middle of the year, it is very important that we continue to focus on attending school every day. Do you realise that just by missing one day per week, your child will miss 40 days in the year? That is 8 weeks of schooling and nearly a whole term and across their 13 years of school that is over 2.6 years! This means your child is never going to reach Year 12 standard which will make it difficult to achieve their dream job. In Prep or Year 1 this may seem like a long time in the future but the routines you establish now will be the routines for their entire school life so it is extremely important to start seriously. If there is a problem make a point to talk to your child’s teacher so that the issue can be worked through. I know you want your child to succeed in life so please send them to school every day.

Ms Jane Termaat  
Principal

SAFETY ON THE SUGAR CANE RAILWAY
“Watch Out – Cane Trains About”
The commencement of the 2015 cane crushing season is approaching and as part of the MSF Sugar Limited Safety Program, the Company would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and children as to the danger of playing on or near cane trains and railway tracks. Children should not play on or near railways at any time.
Please stay safe and remember:
• Stay away from locomotives and cane bins,
• Don’t play around railway lines,
• Never walk between cane bins,
• Never go on to a cane railway bridge,
• Never walk behind a train – the driver will not see you,
• If you have to cross the railway tracks, STOP and look both ways, LISTEN and only cross when it is safe,
• OBEY Flashing Lights signals and Give Way signage at road crossings,
• Do not ride trail bikes along the cane railway.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016
Do you have a younger sibling due to enrol into Prep for 2016? Children born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 are eligible to enrol now for Prep here at Balaclava State School. Birth certificates and immunisation records must be produced.
DEPUTY’S DESK

Bikes
It is great to see so many students riding to school each day. When riding to school it is important that you abide by these rules;
• Wear an appropriate helmet and make sure it is clipped on correctly,
• Disembark from your bicycle when you enter the school grounds,
• Lock your bike up with an appropriate chain at the bike racks located outside B block,
• Do not ride your bike in the school grounds,
• Only one person per bike at any one time.
Thank you for keeping safe and following the school rules.

Ms Michael Patane
Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE

Term 2 – Wk 5 Average 89%

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Oh No Balaclava, we’ve slipped out of the green after only 1 week 😞 how sad. Congratulations to all classes in green especially 1A – fantastic effort with 95%. Prep A and 2A – you were so close so let’s do better this week. Icy poles for classes over 92%.
Don’t forget the end of term prize for all students over 92%. Will it be another giant slide, the vertical bungy, climbing wall or jumping castle?

Great attendance = Great results

HEAD LICE VIGILANCE

We have a couple of classes under attack from dreaded head lice. Please, please constantly check and treat your child’s hair for these pests. After initial treatment, check daily using conditioner and a lice comb for at least a week.
Up-to-date information is available at the QLD Health website www.health.qld.gov.au/headlice

JANE’S JOTTINGS

Children learn what they live
If a child lives with criticism, he/she learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility, he/she learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule, he/she learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame, he/she learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance, he/she learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement, he/she learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise, he/she learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness, he/she learns justice.
If a child lives with security, he/she learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval, he/she learns to like themselves.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he/she learns to find love in the world.

Dorothy Law Nolte

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Our school will be involved once again in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The challenge starts this week and finishes on Friday 28th August. Children from Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 are challenged to read 20 books and Years 5 and 6 are challenged to read 15 books. Every child who meets the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier to recognise their achievement.
Students can obtain a record sheet from their teacher to keep track of the books they have read. When the students have read the required number of books, they can hand in their completed sheet signed by their teacher, to Ms Behrendorff or to the office. All children are encouraged to participate. Towards the end of the challenge students who have handed in a completed sheet will be in the running for prizes donated by the library. We hope all students will be involved. For further information visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

TEACHING AWARDS

Are you inspired by an exceptional teacher?
Nominate a teacher for the QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards.
Registered teachers from state, Catholic and independent schools are eligible for nomination in four award categories.
Nominations close 22 July 2015.
Download a nomination form at: www.qct.edu.au/awards
VISION SCREENING

Behavioural Optometrists from Total Optical will be visiting our school to perform Vision Screenings on Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th June. There is no cost for the screening as it is provided as a community service by Total Optical.

The vision screening is a basic test to determine if your child is experiencing any visual problems including how well they can see in the distance and near, their ability to change focus, how well their eyes work together, colour vision and 3D vision skills.

Should any problems be detected during the vision screening, a note will be sent home with advice of what to do next. All training and equipment will be provided by the staff of Total Optical. Support teachers and teacher aides will be assisting with the students. Should you require any further information regarding the Vision Screenings, please contact Total Optical by phone 4031 1360 or email enquiries@totaloptical.com.au

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

This year we are looking forward to continuing our journey with School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), which is the framework we employ to ensure a safe and nurturing environment for our students, staff and parents. We have three school rules – Respect, Responsibility and Relationships (The 3 R’s). Each fortnight we explicitly teach our expectations for behaviour in various contexts through role-plays, discussion and practice, and students are recognised and positively reinforced when they demonstrate the appropriate behaviour.

This fortnight our FOCUS SKILL is:

Listening to the Speaker!!

✔️ Look at the person who is talking!
✔️ Show respect by being quiet!
✔️ Think about what is being said!

PLAY AND LEARNING

From the time when toddlers start to play near others they are learning about relationships.

- As they get older play teaches children about taking turns, waiting for a turn and sharing,
- Play helps children learn to negotiate where two children want the same toy, or both want to make the rules for the games,
- Children learn about being a leader and being a follower in play,
- They learn about how to ask to join in a game with others,
- School age children learn about making rules to get on well with others and for their groups,
- The beginnings of friendships are often built around playing together with others.

Here are some of the best ways to make play with children:

- Follow the child’s lead but make sure the game is safe, don’t allow it to get out of control,
- Play with the child but don’t take over, let the child change the game,
- Listen but don’t tell what to do,
- Talk about what the child is doing and encourage, eg. “It looks like the spaceman wants to rule the world. What are the people going to do?”,
- Allow plenty of time,
- Allow for experimenting and mistakes,
- Don’t compete with young children, this can discourage them from wanting to play with you,
- Appreciate and encourage your child’s effort, eg. display their work,

REMINDER - PARENTLINE

Parentline is a useful support service about which I often hear good reports. It is confidential, seven days a week 8am – 10pm and available to any parent for any issue. Cost of a local call 1300 30 1300 www.parentline.com.au

P&C DAY

P&C Day is Friday 29th May and we would like to extend a big thankyou to our P&C committee for all of their hard work and valuable contributions.

A special thank you to:

Sally Billing
Julie Jose
Rita Cohen
Shiree Eddleston
Joanne Page
Chiquita Toombs

TUCKSHOP NOTICE

Please do not ask for credit as refusal often offends.
TRANSITION DAY
Woree State High School’s first of three Transition Days will be held on Monday June 22nd (week 10). Any student contemplating attending Woree High School next year is encouraged to attend. Students will partake in a range of programs intended to make them familiar with Woree SHS and their routines and practices. Some of the activities include meeting key personnel, participating in a school tour, a scavenger hunt and familiarisation with using timetables. Students will also have the opportunity of meeting others from different schools and forming new friendship groups that will help ease the transition from primary into secondary school. Interested students are advised of the following;
• Required to be at school by 8:30am for an 8:45am start,
• Need to be in their current school uniform and wear closed shoes,
• They need to bring a book, pens/pencils, water bottle,
• They need to bring lunch and/or money for lunch.
Parents/Carers are responsible for transportation of students to and from Woree SHS. There are drop zones located on Rigg Street and Windarra Street. Please notify the office or Mrs Roome if you wish to attend this Transition Day.

STUDENT AWARDS

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Last Friday our school had 2 walking groups to school to mark “Walk Safely to School Day”. The first group with Mr Samanes and Miss Katie walked to the Mccoombe Street gate from Red Rooster at Raintrees Shopping Centre. The second group with Mrs Roome, Mrs Bertolla and Miss Johnson walked from Dominos Pizza on Balaclava Road to the Mooroobool Park along Chinaman’s Creek and to the School’s back gate. In all, about 70 students participated. It was fantastic to see everyone smiling, laughing and chatting on the way. What a great way to start the school day. Next year let’s make it BIGGER! Our walk to school groups...
GENERAL NOTICES

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BETWEEN 2 & 10 YEARS OLD?
Researchers in the Parenting & Family Support Centre (PFSC) at the University of QLD invite you to participate in a cross-cultural parenting study involving parents residing in Australia and Indonesia. By participating in the study, you will contribute to the development of knowledge and policy that support children and families in Australia and Indonesia. You will also have the chance to win a $100 gift card (see website for details). Share your parenting experiences by completing an online survey at the website http://psy.uq.edu.au/par

Contact: Chrislyne Poniman or Dr Ania Filus 3365 7303 Email: chrislyne.poniman@uqconnect.edu.au a.filus@uq.edu.au

MODIFIED SCHOOL TENNIS CHALLENGE FOR YR 2-6
When: 31st May at Freshwater Tennis Club
13th June at Trinity Beach Tennis Club
26th July at Freshwater Tennis Club
16th August at Trinity Beach Tennis Club
Cost: $15

Contact: Dana 0414 856 917
dana@fusiontenniscairns.com
or Fred 0407 968 578
fred@fusiontenniscairns.com

GIRLS BASEBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Where: Trinity Beach Baseball Grounds
When: Wednesdays May 6th to June 17th (7wks) from 4pm - 5:30pm
NQ Little League team to be selected on August 5th & prepare for “Friendship Series” in September.

Contact: Kevin Johnson 0425 248 924
Email: nqdo@baseballqld.asn.au

AMAZING KIDS
What: Presentation, Conference & Expo with guest speakers. Covers ADHD, ADD, Autism, Hyperactivity, Dyslexia, Aspergers, etc
When: 22nd & 23rd May
Where: City Church Cairns, 83 Little Pease St, Cairns
Contact: 0438 050 710 email jvhl@bigpond.com

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS
Are you the parent of a child 5yrs or under? What concerns do you have? What are your beliefs & attitudes about vaccinations? How did you decide about vaccinating your child?
Take a 15min online survey by visiting https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/vax/ Want more, contact the research team on workingparents@uq.edu.au

GENERAL NOTICES Cont...

CAIRNS YOUNG VOICES
What: Bringing students from Cairns together to experience the joy of singing, improve vocal skills, develop their musical ear & learn to read & write music
Contact: www.cairnsyoungvoices.com.au or email cyvoices@bigpond.net.au

PCYC YOUTH GROUP FOR TEENS WITH ASD
Who: 12-16yr olds
When: Fridays from 6-8pm (fortnightly in term time)

Where: PCYC function room
Cost: PCYC annual membership + $100 per term for sessions
Contact: Brigitte cairnsasdyouthgroup@gmail.com

EarlyAQtion SOCIAL SKILLS
What: Program to develop social skills in children with ASD
Who: Children aged between 7-9yrs. Bookings essential.
Where: Autism QLD Centre of Excellence, 15-17 Marr St, Edmonton

Contact: 4034 6600
Email: cairns@autismqld.com.au

BECOME A GIRL GUIDE
Make a difference in the lives of girls & they will make a difference in yours.
To begin your adventure
Contact: Melanie Portelli on 0416 041 510 or email melpor26@gmail.com

GOOD START PROGRAM
Mondays 2:30pm – 3:30pm

QSCHOOLS APP
Stay in touch with the QSchooals app

The QSchooals app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Find out more on the DETE apps page, http://dete.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html

Stay in touch with FaceBook

Find us on Facebook!! The school now has a Facebook page! Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on all the latest news and current events here at Balaclava State School
## Date Claimers

### June
- 8<sup>th</sup> Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- 16<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> School Photos NQ School Photography
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Woree SHS Transition Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Report Cards go home
- 26<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

### July
- 13<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 3
- 16<sup>th</sup> Community Breakfast
- 17<sup>th</sup> Show Day Holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> P&C Meeting

### August
- 18<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting